

United States Environmental Protection Agency

FALCON REFINERY

a.k.a. National Oil Recovery Corporation

INGLESIDE, SAN PATRICIO COUNTY, TEXAS

March 2004

This fact sheet will tell you about:

- Present status and issues
- Site description
- Site history
- Proposal to the National Priorities List (NPL)
- Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR)
- Technical Assistance Grant (TAG)

Present Status and Issues

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is currently performing enforcement actions to compel the Potentially Responsible Parties to perform and finance the Remedial Investigation and Feasibility Study (RI/FS) currently being planned for the Site. The purpose of the RI/FS is to determine the nature and extent of contamination and to gather sufficient information about the Site to support an informed risk management decision regarding which remedy is the most appropriate for the Site.

Site Description

The Falcon Refinery Site (also known as the National Oil Recovery Corporation) occupies approximately 104 acres and is located 1.7 miles southeast of State Highway 361 near the intersection of FM 2725 and Bishop Road near Ingleside, Texas. Ingleside is located approximately 18 miles northeast of Corpus Christi. The Site lies approximately five feet above sea level. The volumes of wastes currently present at the Site have not been determined. This information will be obtained during the RI/FS currently being planned for the Site.

Site History

The Falcon Refinery Site consists of an abandoned refinery that has operated intermittently since 1980. When in operation, the refinery operated at a capacity of 40,000 barrels per day with primary products consisting of naphtha, jet fuel, kerosene, diesel and fuel oil. The refinery processed crude oil and hazardous substances.

National Priorities List

The National Priorities List (NPL) is a list of sites throughout the country with known or threatened releases of hazardous substances, pollutants, or contaminants. The NPL is intended primarily to guide the EPA in determining which sites warrant further investigation to assess the nature and extent of public health and environmental risks associated with a release of hazardous substances.

The site was proposed to the NPL on September 5, 2002.

Health Issues

The Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR) is the Federal agency created under the Superfund Act charged with taking responsive public health actions to prevent harmful exposures and disease related to toxic substances. The ATSDR works in close collaboration with local, state, and other federal agencies, with tribal governments, local communities and with local health care providers. The goal of the Agency is to help prevent or reduce the harmful effects of exposure to hazardous substances on human health. ATSDR encourages active public participation in this process. To address any public health question associated with this EPA Superfund site or learn more about the ATSDR process, please contact Jennifer Lyke, with

the ATSDR Office of Regional Operations, 214.665.8361, or see the ATSDR web site at www.atsdr.cdc.gov.

Technical Assistance Grant (TAG)

The EPA announced the availability of a Technical Assistance Grant (TAG) for the Falcon Refinery a.k.a. National Oil Recovery Corporation Site on September 18, 2002. This TAG can be used to hire a technical advisor to interpret Site studies and/or Site related health information for area residents.

The EPA received an application from Coastal Bend Bays Foundation, 723 N. Upper Broadway, Suite 411, Corpus Christi, TX 78401, on March 5, 2003. The EPA has not yet awarded the TAG.

If you need additional information, please call or write to:

Beverly Negri, TAG Project Officer EPA Region 6 (6SF-PO) 1445 Ross Avenue Dallas, TX 75202 214.665.8157 1.800.533.3508 (toll-free)

For more information, please contact...

Rafael Casanova, Remedial Project Manager

U.S. EPA Region 6 1445 Ross Avenue (6SF-AP) Dallas, TX 75202 214.665.7437 214.665.6660 FAX casanova.rafael@epa.gov

Jennifer Lyke, Regional Representative, ATSDR

1445 Ross Avenue (6SF-L) Dallas, TX 75202 214.665.8362 214.665.2237 FAX jlyke@cdc.gov

Phyllis June Hoey, Community Involvement Coordinator

U.S. EPA Region 6 1445 Ross Avenue (6SF-PO) Dallas, TX 75202 214.665.8522 214.665.6660 FAX hoey.phyllis@epa.gov

David Bary, EPA Region 6 Press Office

U.S. EPA Region 6 1445 Ross Avenue (6XA) Dallas, TX 75202 214.665.2208 bary.david@epa.gov

Information Repositories:

Ingleside Public Library

City of Ingleside 2775 Waco Street Ingleside, TX 78362

Ms. Rose Aleta Laurell, Director

TCEQ Records Management

12100 Park 35 Circle Building E Austin, TX 78753 512.239.2920 Monday - Friday, 8:00 am - 5:00 pm

U.S. EPA Region 6 Library

12th Floor Library 1445 Ross Avenue, Ste. 12D13 Dallas, TX 75202 214.665.6424 Monday - Friday, 9:00 am - 1:00 pm 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm

U.S. EPA on the Internet

U.S. EPA Headquarters www.epa.gov

U.S. EPA Region 6 www.epa.gov/region6

U.S. EPA Region 6 Superfund www.epa.gov/region6/superfund





United States Environmental Protection Agency

Region 6 1445 Ross Ave. (6SF-PO) Dallas, TX 75202